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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--CHILE RESOLUTION

REF: A. STATE 256677; B. SANTIAGO 7419; C. SANTIAGO 7552

1. SUMMARY. BEFORE DEPT TAKES DECISION ON VOTING INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING RES ON CHILE, THE US DEL TO THE 30TH GA WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW SOME FACTORS THAT REQUIRE CONSIDERATION. THE RECOMMENDATION FROM USUN IS THAT THE US VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS RES AND GIVE A STRONG EXPLANATION OF VOTE CITING BOTH THE REASONS WHY IT WAS IMPELLED TO THIS DECISION AND ITS OBJECTIONS TO THE WAY THE UN HAS SET ABOUT ATTACKING CHILE FOR FAULTS EVIDENT IN MANY OTHER MEMBER STATES. END SUMMARY.

2. AS DEPT STATED IN REFTL (A), "WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE IN RES REFLECTING WIDESPREAD CONCERN OVER CHILEAN ATTITUDE AND IMPATIENCE AT REFUSAL OF CHILE TO COOPERATE IN ESTABLISHING FACTS." AT LAST YEARS'S GA THE US ABSTAINED ON A RES ON CHILE, AND AT THE HRC THE US ACTED AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOC ON NEGOTIATION OF A RES PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP. THE DECISION OF THE GOC TO BAR THE ENTRY OF WORKING GROUP AT THE

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LAST MINUTE HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE, AS THE DEPT RECOGNIZED IN

PARA 1 OF REF (A), FOR THE US TO CONTINUE TO BE CHILE'S INTER-MEDIARY.

3. AMBASSY SANTIAGO CHARACTERIZED THE RES IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS. "IT IS GENERALLY MODERATE, DOES NOT CONDEMN, IS LARGELY FREE OF VERBAL OVERKILL WHICH CHARACTERIZES BLOC AND MORE RADICAL THIRD WORLD DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT." (REF (B)) IN ADDITION, THE RES NOW BEFORE THE COMITE DOES NOT SUPPORT CALLES FOR EXTREME OR POORLY DOCUMENTED PROPOSALS FOR REMEDIAL MEASURES, AND THEREFORE DOES NOT RUN THE RISKS WHICH CONCERN THE DEPT IN REF (A).

4. THERE ARE THREE OTHER REASONS WHICH LEAD USUN TO BELIEVE THAT A POSITIVE VOTE IS CALLED FOR ON THIS RES. FIRST, POSITIVE VOTE IS CALLED FOR BY THE ACTION OF THE GOC IN ABUSING THE US, BY LETTING IT TAKE CHILE'S PART IN DISCUSSION AT THE HRC ONLY LATER TO DENY ADMISSION TO THE WORKING GROUP. SECOND, A POSITIVE VOTE, JOINING THE POSITIVE VOTES OF ALL OTHER WEO COUNTRIES, WILL SIGNIFY TO CHILEANS THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO CHANGE THEIR POLICIES IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIRD, IF THE US ABSTAINS ON THIS RES, ITS ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AT THIS GA WILL BE GREATLY CURTAILED. IF THE US CANNOT AGREE TO SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ONE COUNTRY, HOW CAN IT DO SO GENERALLY? IN PARTICULAR, US INITIATIVES TO CALL FOR AN AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE ON TORTURE WILL COME TO BE SEEN BY MANY AS MERELY A GENERAL COVER TO AN APPARENT US PREFERENCE THAT THE UN NOT BE CONCERNED OVER VIOLATIONS IN SPECIFIC COUNTRIES.

5. THIS RES HAS TEN WEO COSPONSORS. IT WILL BE SUPPORTED BY ALL DELS OUTSIDE OF LA GROUP. WITHIN LATIN AMERICA THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT BRAZIL, CHILE, ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, AND BOLIVIA WILL VOTE NO; COLOMBIA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, JAMAICA, GUYANA, CUBA, MEXICO, AND POSSIBLY VENEZUELA WILL VOTE YEA. OTHER LA COUNTRIES HAVE EITHER NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS OR EXPECT TO ABSTAIN, PERU WILL BE ABSENT.

6. USUN IS AWARE THAT CHILE WOULD PREFER AN ABSTENTION, BUT CHILE HAS NOT PRESSED USUN TO ASSUME ANY VOTING POSITION. CHILEAN DEL MUST KNOW THAT AFTER JULY REFUSAL TO ADMIT WORKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUP, IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE CHILE'S PRIMARY PROTECTOR ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. USUN NOTES IN REF (C) THAT CHILE HAS RELEASED THREE NUNS AS A GESTURE OF COURTESY TO US, PRESUMABLY IN HOPE FOR AN ABSTENTION. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT SUCH LIMITED ACTIONS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO STOP US FROM EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN OVER CONTINUED VIOLATIONS BY SUPPORTING THIS RES.

7. FINALLY, USUN BELIEVES THAT WHEN TAKEN IN CONTEXT OF OTHER
US HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES MENTIONED ABOVE, A POSITIVE VOTE
CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPLANATION POINTING OUT THAT US PRE-
FERENCE IS FOR GENERAL APPROACH FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
RATHER THAN SPECIFIC CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN ONE COUNTRY.
PUTTING US VOTE IN GENERAL CONTEXT WILL MAKE IT MORE UNDER-
STANDABLE WHY US CHOSE NOT TO ABSTAIN. STATEMENT WILL ALSO
POINT OUR FAILURE OF UNGA TO SHOW SIMILAR CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ELSEWHERE.
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